

Hunting and Trapping

Emergency Order

Under the Authority of AS 16.05.060

Alaska Department
of Fish and Game

Emergency Order 05-02-05

Issued at Nome, Alaska
April 28, 2005

Effective Date: 12:01 a.m.
July 1, 2005

Expiration Date: June 30, 2006

EXPLANATION:

This emergency order shortens the fall 2005 resident registration permit moose hunting season for Hunt RM840 in three (3) portions of Unit 22 adjacent to the Nome road system. The areas affected by this emergency order include:

- 1) all portions of Unit 22(B) west of the crest of the Darby Mountains (*Note: this area is defined as 'Remainder of Unit 22(B)' in the regulatory section*);
- 2) all portions of Unit 22(D) within the Kougarok, Kuzitrin and Pilgrim River drainages; and
- 3) the southwestern portion of Unit 22(D), including the area west of the Tisuk River drainage and west of the west bank of Canyon Creek (*Note: this area is defined as 'Unit 22(D) Southwest' in the regulatory section*).

In the areas described above, the resident fall moose hunting season is Sept. 1 – Sept. 14 with a bag limit of one bull by registration permit only. There are no nonresident seasons in these areas. This emergency order establishes a uniform two-week season in all areas of registration permit moose hunt RM840.

All other moose seasons and bag limits in Unit 22 are not affected by this emergency order.

REGULATION:

Therefore, the following regulations in **5 AAC 85.045 (a) (20), HUNTING SEASONS AND BAG LIMITS FOR MOOSE**, are superseded by this emergency order as follows:

	Resident Open Season (Subsistence and General Hunts)	Nonresident Open Season
Units and Bag Limits		
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Remainder of Unit 22(B)

RESIDENT HUNTERS:

1 bull by registration permit
only; or

Sept. 1 - Sept. 14

1 antlered bull by registration
permit only;

Jan. 1 - Jan. 31

NONRESIDENT HUNTERS:

No open season.

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Unit 22(D), that portion within the
Kougarok, Kuzitrin and Pilgrim
River drainages

RESIDENT HUNTERS:

1 bull by registration permit
only; or

Sept. 1 – Sept. 14

1 antlered bull by registration
permit only; during the period
Jan. 1-Jan. 31, a season may be
announced by emergency order

Jan. 1 - Jan. 31
(To be announced)

NONRESIDENT HUNTERS:

No open season.

Unit 22(D) Southwest, that portion
west of the Tisuk River drainage,
west of the west bank of the
unnamed creek originating at the
unit boundary opposite the head-
waters of McAdam's Creek to its
confluence with Canyon Creek,
and west of the west bank of
Canyon Creek to its confluence
with Tuksuk Channel

RESIDENT HUNTERS:

1 bull by registration permit
only; or

Sept. 1 – Sept. 14

1 antlered bull by registration
permit only; during the period
Jan. 1-Jan. 31, a season may be
announced by emergency order

Jan. 1 - Jan. 31
(To be announced)

NONRESIDENT HUNTERS:

No open season.

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All other moose hunting regulations in Unit 22 remain unchanged by this emergency order.

McKie Campbell
Commissioner

By delegation to: Kate Persons
Kate Persons
Area Biologist

JUSTIFICATION:

In 2001, in response to declining moose populations, the Alaska Board of Game established registration moose hunts in the heavily hunted, road accessible areas of western Unit 22(B), the Kuzitrin River drainage of Unit 22(D), and in Unit 22(D) Southwest. At the time registration permits were implemented, different harvest quotas and seasons were established based on differing biological situations and harvest patterns in each area. However, hunting pressure has been high and harvest quotas were exceeded despite using emergency orders to close seasons well in advance of published season dates. Over harvest occurred in the Kuzitrin River drainage of Unit 22D in 2003 and 2004, and in western Unit 22B in 2004. When the seasons were closed early by emergency order in 2003 and 2004, hunters shifted their hunting activity to open season areas along the Nome road system that cannot tolerate additional hunting pressure. By shortening the season to 2 weeks and establishing a uniform season in all road accessible areas, we hope to avoid over harvest and reduce hunting pressure in the areas where serious concerns about declining moose populations exist.
